

repeating the step of disclosing capsules describing the job request to the second group, wherein the mean reputation rating of the second group is successively lowered, until either the number of capsules delivered equals the quota or the deadline is reached.

5 64. The method of claim 62, further comprising:

repeating the step of disclosing capsules describing the job request to the second group, wherein the mean reputation rating of the second group is successively lowered, until the number of capsules delivered equals the quota.

10 65. The method of claim 62, further comprising:

repeating the step of disclosing capsules describing the job request to the second group, wherein the mean reputation rating of the second group is successively lowered, until the deadline is reached.

15 66. The method of claim 62, further comprising:

disclosing, with the capsule, a due-time to the service providers, indicating a time at which the capsule must be delivered, the due-time is at the same time or prior to the deadline.

20 67. The method of claim 62, wherein the comparing step is modified by adding the number of accepted but not yet delivered capsules to the number of capsules delivered, so long as the due-time has not passed for the accepted but not yet delivered capsules.

25 68. The method of claim 62 wherein the service provider may accept a plurality of capsules from a plurality of job requests.

69. The method of claim 68, wherein the service provider may not accept a capsule when a number of job requests for which capsules have been accepted but not yet delivered by the service provider exceeds a predetermined capsule limit number.

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70. The method of claim 69, wherein the predetermined capsule limit number is a fixed number for all service providers.